

STEEPLECHASES

DELEGATES ELECTED TO MEET NEEDS OF THE STATE

Session of the League of Municipalities of California Begins in San Jose With Good Attendance and Interesting Addresses

Special Dispatch to The Call.

SAN JOSE, Dec. 10.—Officials from thirty-eight municipalities of the State were present this morning when the fifth annual convention of the League of Municipalities opened in the City Council chamber.

B. Maher (councilman); Paso Robles, T. Brooks, W. O. Dresser (trustee); Frank E. (trustee); Ed. Tedford (trustee); Santa Barbara, J. S. Collins (trustee); Yreka, J. E. Quinn (trustee); J. N. Frank (attorney); Sonoma, N. J. Knudson; Watsonville, J. W. Covert, J. L. McFarlane; Los Angeles, J. W. Covert, J. L. McFarlane; Los Angeles, J. W. Covert, J. L. McFarlane; Los Angeles, J. W. Covert, J. L. McFarlane.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—At the close of the Senate session today, Quay announced that he had 47 votes for the admission of New Mexico and Arizona, while the opposition had but 41.

Secretary Mason then submitted his annual report. This showed the League of California Municipalities to be in a prosperous condition. During the past twelve months the following municipalities have become members: Fort Jones, Colusa, Whittier, Elgin, Ferndale, Glendale, Benicia, Santa Paula, Lakeport, Sonoma, Ventura, South Pasadena, Sebastopol and Mountain View, a total of fourteen. One city, Salinas, withdrew from the league, assigning the reason therefor. The net gain was thirteen, making the present membership eighty-six.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—Almost the entire session of the Senate today was devoted to discussion of the omnibus staided bill. The bill came over from the unfinished business from the last session, and by agreement to-day was fixed for calling up early in the morning hour.

There was a much larger attendance at the afternoon session. Dr. Day appeared for the Santa Clara Improvement Club and extended an invitation to visit Alum Rock Park. The invitation was accepted, and the excursion will be taken to-morrow. President Snyder announced that Governor-elect Pardee could not be present.

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BOUNDARY LINE AND RECIPROCIITY

Canadian Senator Declares Land Dispute Must Be Settled.

Closer Trade Relations Theme of Speakers at Convention Banquet

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ROBBERS MEET

Enter Saloon to Hold Up the Proprietor but Abandon Job.

Intended Victim, With Aid of Revolver, induces Them to Depart.

Two men who are said by the police to be the daring robbers who held up Bruno Cordes in his saloon on the corner of Sanchez and Eighteenth streets on the night of November 24 last were followed early yesterday morning in an attempt to rob James L. Gleeson, a saloon-keeper at the corner of Folsom and Twenty-fourth streets. Gleeson had a revolver handy when they entered his place of business, and he promptly covered them with it before either of them could get the drop on him. He ordered them to "git out" and they obeyed. They did not relish the situation. Looking down the muzzle of a .44-caliber revolver is apt to chill the ardor of the most desperate of thugs, and more especially so when the man behind the gun has his finger on the trigger and is determined to shoot.

Gleeson was standing at the corner of the bar reading a newspaper about 1 o'clock yesterday morning when his attention was attracted by some one coming cautiously toward him. He looked up from the newspaper and saw two men standing inside the swinging doors. Both of them wore long overcoats and had the collars turned up so to hide the lower part of their faces. Soft hats with the brims pulled down completed the disguises. The taller of the men was slightly in advance of his companion and was surveying the saloon when Gleeson caught his eye. The thug's right hand was in his overcoat pocket and he made a motion as if to withdraw it, when Gleeson quickly covered him with a revolver, which he had on a shelf under the bar. "Git out of here," ordered the saloon man. Neither of the two men uttered a word. They were taken by surprise and realized that an attempt to draw on the plucky saloon man would only result in him opening fire on them. They quickly backed out of the saloon door into Twenty-fourth street and walked hurriedly along that thoroughfare to Shotwell street, where they separated and ran in opposite directions.

Gleeson at once notified the police of the occurrence, and patrolmen were sent out in citizen clothes to scour the Mission district for the men. No trace of them could be found although the search was kept up until after daylight. The police say that from the description given by Gleeson there can be no doubt that the men were none other than those who robbed Saloon-keeper Cordes and struck a man named Kilpatrick on the head with a slungshot because he did not promptly obey their order to "face the wall" when they entered Cordes' saloon.

The men had evidently been watching Gleeson's saloon and the policemen on duty on Twenty-fourth street and on Folsom street. The patrolmen were standing in the corner five minutes before the occurrence, and it was not more than two minutes after the last customer had left the saloon when the robbers entered.

IDAHO LAND ENTRIES UNDER INVESTIGATION

Alleged That Fraudulent Attempts to Secure Mineral Bearing Properties Have Been Made.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—The General Land Office has received a communication from citizens living in the Boise Basin, Idaho, alleging that attempts have been made to obtain mineral bearing lands under the forest land laws in violation of the law. The lands involved are valuable and are located in the vicinity of Idaho's capital. A special agent has been ordered to make an investigation.

Government reports have also stated that lands in that section are being entered under what is known as the timber and stone act, and it is stated that subsequent investigation of the local land office and of special agents of the Government does not disclose sufficient evidence to warrant suspension of the entry, and orders have been given to permit the entries to be patented when satisfactorily proved.

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